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Induction of Aircraft into Air India Fleet
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed an agreement for the dry leasing of 22 Airbus A-320 Neo aircraft for delivery starting from February, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the lease rates and the tentative due dates of delivery of the 22 aircrafts;

(d) the routes on which new planes are scheduled to fly; and

(e) whether Air India has signed a pact with the Kuwait based company for leasing 14 A-320 Neo aircraft and the delivery of these planes is to start from early next year and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): Air India has signed three agreements for dry lease of total 22 A320 NEOs aircraft for a period of 12 years. Out of these, two units are already in service. 20 units will be delivered between March 2017 up to March 2019.;

(c): The monthly base aircraft lease rental rates agreed with the aircraft lessors are indicated in the Aircraft Lease Agreements, which are subject to adjustment for economic conditions on delivery dates of individual aircraft. Such terms are finalized after competitive global tenders and are considered commercially sensitive as these agreements are subject to Non-disclosure provisions. Therefore, such commercial terms are not disclosed as it could be used by competitors adversely. Tentative delivery of 22 aircraft is attached as Annexure-1. ;

(d): In addition to some of the existing routes, Air India is exploring the possibility of operation of the A-320 Neo aircrafts on following new routes:

1. Delhi-Bangkok-Delhi
2. Chandigarh-Bangkok-Chandigarh
3. Kolkata-Bangkok-Kolkata;

(e): The initial Term Sheet for leasing of 14 A320 Neo aircraft was signed with Alafco Aviation Lease and Finance Company KSCP, which is based in Kuwait. However, the Lease Agreements for dry leasing of 14 A320 Neo aircraft have been signed with Alafco Irish Aircraft Leasing Six Limited, which is a company incorporated under the laws of the Ireland and whose registered office is in Ireland. As per the Lease Agreements, Alafco Aviation Lease and Finance Company KSCP is the Lessor Parent as well as Manager of Alafco Irish Aircraft Leasing Six Limited. The tentative delivery of these aircraft are given in Annexure-1.